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Gather product information- 210



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Determine product source(s) - 240



Determine whether product has associated trade name - 250



Categorize product - 260

(57) Abstract: A method and system for categorizing a medical or a pharmaceutical product. The method includes determining an originator indicator for the product (220), determining a patent status (240), determining a tradename indicator for the product (250), and categorizing the product (260) as a branded product or a generic product, using the determined originator indicator, patent status indicator, source indicator, and tradename indicator.

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